



Under the Methane to Markets initiative, **The Natural Gas STAR Program** is a flexible, non-regulatory, and voluntary partnership between the EPA and the international oil and natural gas industry aimed at facilitating and accounting for cost-effective methane emission reductions world-wide.

The Natural Gas STAR Program has identified technologies and operating & maintenance practices in use by industry as cost-effective options for reducing methane emissions. A complete listing of these measures can be found at epa.gov/gasstar.



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NATURAL GAS STAR PROGRAM: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

This is a voluntary agreement between _____ (company name) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purpose of reducing methane releases to the atmosphere by implementing cost-effective emission reduction technologies and practices.

Authorized Company Representative: _____ (name)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dina Kruger: Director, Climate Change Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Partner's Designated Natural Gas STAR Implementation Manager

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Telephone: _____

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EPA's Responsibilities

1. Assign a Natural Gas STAR representative responsible for assisting the partner in implementing the Program.
2. Assist partners with Program implementation by: (1) analyzing emerging technologies and practices; (2) developing workshops and training courses; and (3) cataloguing and communicating technologies and operation & maintenance practices.
3. Provide partners with public recognition for their commitment to the Program.

Natural Gas STAR Partners' Responsibilities

1. Appoint a company representative as the Natural Gas STAR Program Implementation Manager responsible for implementing this voluntary agreement.
2. Submit an implementation plan within one year of signing this agreement outlining expected activities and scope of implementation.
3. Implement, within three years, applicable technologies and operation & maintenance practices at facilities as outlined in the implementation plan when cost-effective (as defined by the partner).
4. Submit annual reports describing the measures implemented; the cost of implementation; and the associated methane emission reductions.
5. Communicate participation to employees and cooperate with EPA efforts to publicize the Program.

General Terms

1. This agreement can be terminated by either party at any time, with no notice or penalties and no further obligation. EPA agrees not to publicize a partner's withdrawal from the Program.
2. The partner agrees that the activities it undertakes connected with the MOU are not intended to provide services to the U.S. Government and that the partner will not seek compensation from the U.S. Government.
3. The partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the Program constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than the commitment to the Program.

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